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TOPIC Soviet Maneuvers at Letzling Heath

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1. a. It was learned on 26 July 1949 that there has been heavy artillery firing practice at Letzling Heath for about two weeks. []

b. Tank trucks [] were observed going to DOLLE (E 53/Y 63) from the direction of MAGDEBURG (E 53/Y 60). []

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1 to 4 August 1949

2. a. Trucks picked up ammunition boxes (about 40x24x8 inches) at the NEUHALDENLEBEN (E 53/Y 51) railroad station during the early morning hours of 3 August 1949. []

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[] a train carrying 75-mm anti-aircraft guns had been unloaded the preceding night.

b. An antiaircraft artillery unit, which had come from the direction of JALDLAGER, was entrained at the NEUHALDENLEBEN railroad station about noon of the same day. The following troops and materiel were observed:

Artillery troops on 15 boxcars

20 to 25 antiaircraft guns of 48 or 50 mm caliber

40 to 45 motor vehicles, most of which were trucks, and some large cross-country cars.

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d. Railroad cars carrying 14 trucks were shunted to the loading ramp about 6 p.m. the same day. The trucks, which were allegedly to be unloaded, [redacted]

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e. The following motor vehicles were of NEUHALDENSLIEDEN on 4 August 1949:

[redacted] in the streets 50X1-HUM

truck
truck
passenger car
truck

truck
passenger car. truck

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6 to 10 August 1949

3. The following observations were made in NEUHALDENSLIEDEN between 6 and 10 August 1949:

a. Ammunition boxes, billeting equipment and long timbers were loaded on boxcars between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 6 August 1949. The trucks which hauled this equipment to the railroad station [redacted]

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b. Officers and troops (in 20 boxcars), about 30 antiaircraft guns of about 48 mm caliber, 45 trucks and some passenger cars were entrained between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on 7 August 1949. [redacted]

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About 30 officers, mostly of artillery and including some from the infantry, were observed on the train.

c. Four antiaircraft guns of 75 mm caliber and 15 trucks [redacted] were entrained at about 8 a.m. on 8 August 1949. [redacted]

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d. Equipment and ammunition were shipped to the railroad station from the direction of NAIDLAGE at noon on 9 August 1949. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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passenger car
truck

truck

e. Twelve antiaircraft guns of 48 mm caliber and four antiaircraft guns of about 88 mm caliber were entrained between 9 and 11 a.m. on 10 August 1949. [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

f. Antiaircraft artillery which arrived on a train coming from the direction of MAGDEBURG was unloaded at the same time. Artillery troops in 15 boxcars, eight antiaircraft guns of about 88-mm caliber and about 40 motor vehicles, mostly trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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g. About 30 trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and several antiaircraft guns of about 80-mm caliber were entrained at night on 10 August 1949. [REDACTED]

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a. According to this report, there was heavy artillery firing practice at the Letzling Heath in July 1949. Component units of the 207th Gds Wtz Rifle Div were engaged in this firing practice [REDACTED]

It is assumed from other information that the units concerned belonged to the GARDELEGEN 415th Arty Brig which also held artillery firing practice at the Letzling Heath in the summer of 1948. (The departure of artillery units from GARDELEGEN for firing practice was already reported in June 1949).

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[REDACTED]

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